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1. (Amended) A method for providing prepaid local telephone services to a subscriber having a telecommunications device connected to a subscriber line and in communication with a telephone network via the subscriber line, the method comprising:

receiving a telephone call from the subscriber;

identifying a subscriber account in a prepaid local telephone call database for the subscriber based on the telephone number of the subscriber;

receiving a value identification code associated with a prepaid local telephone service program;

determining a period of service for the identified subscriber account;

monitoring the period of service at the prepaid local telephone call database; and

sending termination date information to the subscriber prior to an expiration of the period of service, wherein the expiration of the period of service is unrelated to a duration of a subscriber telephone call.

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8. (Twice amended) In communication with a telephone network having at least one local exchange carrier in communication with at least one subscriber, a system for providing prepaid local telephone services comprising:

a prepaid local telephone call service center in communication with the at least one local exchange carrier, the prepaid local telephone service call service center comprising:

an applications server having a processor and a subscriber database, the subscriber database comprising subscriber service period information and subscriber identification information, the applications server further comprising means for monitoring a subscriber service period <sup>per call basis</sup> without monitoring a duration of individual telephone calls and without monitoring a dollar value of individual telephone calls and means for automatically communicating service termination date information to a subscriber prior to an expiration of the subscriber service period.

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14. (Twice amended) A method of providing prepaid local telephone services to a subscriber having a telecommunications device connected to a subscriber line and in communication with a telephone network via the subscriber line, the method comprising:

establishing a subscriber account on a prepaid local telephone service database, the subscriber account comprising subscriber identification information and a period of service;

monitoring the period of service for the subscriber account at the prepaid local telephone service database independently of a duration and a dollar value of a subscriber telephone call; and

sending service termination information to the subscriber prior to an expiration of the period of service.

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16. (Amended) A method of providing prepaid local telephone services to a subscriber having a telecommunications device connected to a subscriber line and in communication with a telephone network via the subscriber line, the method comprising:

establishing a subscriber account on a prepaid local telephone service database, the subscriber account comprising subscriber identification information and a period of service;

monitoring the period of service for the subscriber account at the prepaid local telephone service database without monitoring a duration of individual telephone calls and without monitoring a dollar value of individual telephone calls;

sending a reminder message to the subscriber prior to an expiration of the period of service; and

sending a suspend message to the telephone network, the suspend message comprising an instruction to suspend local telephone service for the subscriber and to place the subscriber account on hold, wherein the subscriber account is maintained in an inactive state.